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Election of six members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Executive Board of the World Food Programme has 36 members, elected from among the States Members of the United Nations and the States members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/8, the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations are to elect 18 members each, as set forth in paragraph 2 of the resolution.

2. The Economic and Social Council is to elect, at its resumed organizational session for 1998, six members of the Executive Board for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1999 to fill the vacancies that will occur on 31 December 1998 upon the expiration of the terms of the following members: Cameroon, Denmark, India, Paraguay, Sweden and Tunisia.

3. The six members are to be elected according to the following pattern:*

Two members from list A (African States);

One member from list B (Asian States);

One member from list C (Latin American and Caribbean States);

Two members from list D (Western European and other States).

4. The 18 members of the Executive Board elected by the Economic and Social Council are listed in annex I below.

* The members are elected from lists set out in the Basic Texts of the World Food Programme. The lists are reproduced in annex II below.

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Annex I

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

Membership in 1998

Five seats for States on list A (African States)

Angola (1999), Cameroon* (1998), Ethiopia (1999), Sierra Leone (2000), Tunisia* (1998)

Four seats for States on list B (Asian States)

India* (1998), Indonesia (2000), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (1999), Pakistan (2000)

Two seats for States on list C (Latin American and Caribbean States)

Mexico (1999), Paraguay* (1998)

Six seats for States on list D (Western European and other States)

Belgium (1999), Denmark* (1998), Finland (2000), Japan (1999), Norway (2000), Sweden* (1998)

One seat for States on list E (Eastern European States)

Russian Federation (2000)

* Retiring member

Annex II

Lists of United Nations and FAO member States for the elections for the Executive Board of the World Food Programme*

1. Developing countries

135 States

22 seats: 11 members to be elected by the FAO Council and 11 by the Economic and Social Council on the following basis:

List A

53 States

9 seats: 4 members to be elected by the FAO Council and 5 by the Economic and Social Council

Algeria
Angola
Benin
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Congo
Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Djibouti
Egypt
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Kenya
Lesotho
Liberia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Mauritius
Morocco
Mozambique
Namibia
Niger
Nigeria
Rwanda
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa
Sudan
Swaziland
Togo
Tunisia
Uganda
United Republic of Tanzania
Zambia
Zimbabwe

* In the event of a change in the membership of the United Nations or the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the appropriate change will be made by the Secretariats of the United Nations and FAO, respectively, after the necessary consultations with member States.

List B

49 States

7 seats:[a] 3 members to be elected by the FAO Council and 4 by the Economic and Social Council

Group I

18 States

Afghanistan
Bahrain
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Lebanon
Oman
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Syrian Arab Republic
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan
United Arab Emirates
Uzbekistan
Yemen

Group II

31 States

Bangladesh
Bhutan
Brunei Darussalam
Cambodia
China
Cook Islands
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Fiji
India
Indonesia
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Malaysia
Maldives
Marshall Islands
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nepal
Pakistan
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Republic of Korea
Samoa
Singapore
Solomon Islands
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Tonga
Vanuatu
Viet Nam

[a] One additional member alternating between the States included in lists B and C, starting with list C, is to be elected by the FAO Council.

List C

33 States

5 seats:[a] 3 members to be elected by the FAO Council and 2 by the Economic and Social Council

Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Bahamas
Barbados
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Suriname
Trinidad and Tobago
Uruguay
Venezuela

2. Economically developed countries

53 States

14 seats: 7 members to be elected by the FAO Council and 7 by the Economic and Social Council on the following basis:

List D

31 States

12 seats: 6 members to be elected by the FAO Council and 6 by the Economic and Social Council

Andorra
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Canada
Cyprus
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Iceland
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Japan
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Malta
Monaco
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Portugal
San Marino
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America

List E

22 States

2 seats: 1 member to be elected by the FAO Council and 1 by the Economic and Social Council

Albania
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Czech Republic
Estonia
Georgia
Hungary
Latvia
Lithuania
Poland
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Slovakia
Slovenia
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Ukraine
Yugoslavia